

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 677

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd

February 25, 2015

An act to amend Section 17075.50 of, to add Section 67387 to, and to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32247) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 677, as introduced, Dodd. School safety: door locks.

(1) Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (the act), requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition. Existing law requires all new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to the act to include locks that allow doors to classrooms and rooms with an occupancy of 5 or more persons to be locked from the inside, except as specified.

This bill would additionally require all modernization projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to those provisions to include those locks, except as specified.

This bill, no later than January 1, 2022, would require the governing board of each school district and each county superintendent of schools to, for each of its schools, equip the doors of every classroom and every room with an occupancy of 5 or more persons with locks that allow the doors to be locked from the inside, except as specified. By imposing

new requirements on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the segments of postsecondary education in this state. The California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California are the state's 3 segments of public postsecondary education. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act only apply to the University of California to the extent that the Regents of the University of California act, by appropriate resolution, to make these provisions applicable.

This bill would provide that, when construction or modernization projects are undertaken at a campus or facility within its jurisdiction, the governing board of each campus of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, equip classrooms, offices, or other rooms where students and school staff gather with locking mechanisms, commonly known as classroom function locks, that allow the doors to be locked from the inside or equip these doors with the best alternative technology that accomplishes the same result.

To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17075.50 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 17075.50. (a) ~~On and after July 1, 2011, all~~ All new
4 construction *and modernization* projects submitted to the Division
5 of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter shall include locks

1 that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy
2 of five or more persons to be locked from the inside.

3 (b) The locks shall conform to the specifications and
4 requirements set forth in Title 24 of the California Code of
5 Regulations.

6 (c) Doors that are locked from the outside at all times and pupil
7 restrooms are exempt from the requirements of this section.

8 SEC. 2. Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32247) is added
9 to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education
10 Code, to read:

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12 Article 4.5. Security Locks
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14 32247. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, no later than
15 January 1, 2022, the governing board of each school district and
16 each county superintendent of schools shall, for each school within
17 its jurisdiction, equip the doors of every classroom and every room
18 with an occupancy of five or more persons with locks that allow
19 the doors to be locked from the inside.

20 (b) The locks shall conform to the specifications and
21 requirements set forth in Title 24 of the California Code of
22 Regulations.

23 SEC. 3. Section 67387 is added to the Education Code, to read:

24 67387. When construction or modernization projects are
25 undertaken at a campus or facility within its jurisdiction, the
26 governing board of each campus of the California Community
27 Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall,
28 and the Regents of the University of California are requested to,
29 equip classrooms, offices, or other rooms where students and
30 school staff gather with locking mechanisms, commonly known
31 as classroom function locks, that allow the doors to be locked from
32 the inside or equip these doors with the best alternative technology
33 that accomplishes the same result.

34 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
35 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
36 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
37 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
38 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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